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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in this application.

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PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

Serial No.	Filing Date	<u>Inventor(s)</u>		
11/149,018	June 9, 2005	James P. Harshman, et al.		

Application Serial No. 11/149,018 is a Continuation-in-Part of this application and was published as US 2005/0224409A1. Should the Examiner desire a copy of this application, he is requested to contact the undersigned.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

- 1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
- 2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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